

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

IN RE: ZIMMER NEXGEN KNEE
IMPLANT PRODUCTS LIABILITY
LITIGATION

MDL No. 2272

**SHORT FORM COMPLAINT
FOR ZIMMER NEXGEN KNEE
IMPLANT PRODUCTS LIABILITY
LITIGATION**

THIS APPLIES TO:

JURY TRIAL DEMAND

LARRY GIDDINGS
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Plaintiff,

vs.

Zimmer, Inc., Zimmer Holdings, Inc.,
Zimmer Orthopaedic Surgical Products,
Inc.;

Defendants.

**APPROVED SHORT FORM COMPLAINT FOR
ZIMMER NEXGEN KNEE IMPLANT PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION**

Plaintiff Larry Giddings incorporates by reference Plaintiffs' Master Long Form Complaint in In Re: Zimmer NexGen Knee Implant Products Liability Litigation, MDL 2272, filed as of January 12, 2012, as Document Number 211. Pursuant to a Stipulated Order of the PSC in MDL 2272 and Counsel for Defendants, the following Short Form Complaint is approved for use in this action. Where Plaintiff's Complaint was previously transferred into

MDL 2272, this Short Form Complaint and the incorporated Master Long Form Complaint shall serve as an amended Complaint.

Plaintiff selects and indicates by checking off the appropriate spaces, those products and claims that are specific to his case. Where certain claims require specific pleadings or case specific facts and individual information, plaintiff shall add and include them herein.

1. Plaintiff Larry Giddings, states and brings this civil action before the Court for the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois as a related action in the matter entitled IN RE: ZIMMER NEXGEN KNEE IMPLANT PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION, MDL No. 2272. Plaintiff is filing this short form complaint as permitted and approved by Order of the MDL 2272 Court, and adopts and incorporates by reference those allegations in the Plaintiffs' Master Long Form Complaint and any and all amendments thereto.

2. This action is brought pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1332, as diversity of citizenship exists among and between the parties.

3. Venue is proper under 28 U.S.C. §1391 as defendants named herein do business within this district.

4. Plaintiff Larry Giddings is a resident and citizen of Michigan and claims damages as set forth below.

~~5. Plaintiff's Spouse _____, is a resident and citizen of [state] _____, and claims damages as a result of loss of consortium. [Cross out Spousal Claim if Not Applicable]~~

6. Plaintiff was born on June 27, 1947.

~~7. Plaintiff is filing this case in a representative capacity as the [administrator/personal representative/executor/other] _____ of the [Estate of] _____. [Cross out if Not Applicable] A copy of the Letters of Administration or other authority to proceed on behalf of the Estate, where required, is annexed hereto if such letters are required for the commencement of such a claim by the Probate, Surrogate or other appropriate court of the jurisdiction of the decedent.~~

ALLEGATIONS AS TO DEVICE(S) AND INJURIES

8. Plaintiff was implanted with a Zimmer NexGen® Knee device(s) on his left knee on or about February 19, 2009 at St. Mary's of Michigan hospital, by Dr. Waheed Akbar.

9. On or about February 19, 2009, Plaintiff suffered personal and economic injuries as a result of the implantation of the following Zimmer NexGen® Knee device(s):

_____	Zimmer NexGen LPS Flex
<u> X </u>	Zimmer NexGen CR-Flex
_____	Zimmer NexGen GSF LPS-Flex
_____	Zimmer NexGen GSF CR-Flex
_____	Zimmer NexGen MIS Tibia

10. Plaintiff underwent revision surgery with respect to the defective Zimmer NexGen® Knee device(s) on [date] February 29, 2009, at Covenant Cooper Hospital by Dr. Jaems R. Weir.

11. Plaintiff has suffered injuries as a result of implantation and revision/explantation of the Zimmer NexGen® Knee device(s) manufactured by defendants as described in the forthcoming Plaintiff's Fact Sheet and other responsive documents in discovery provided to the

defendants and/or obtained by the defendants through Plaintiff's authorization and are incorporated by reference herein.

12. At the time of implantation with the Zimmer NexGen® Knee device(s), the plaintiff resided at 3264 E. Dayton Road, Caro, Michigan 48723.

13. The defendants by their actions or inactions, proximately caused Plaintiff's injuries.

14. Plaintiff claims damages as a result of:

<u> X </u>	injury to himself
<u> </u>	injury to the person represented
<u> </u>	wrongful death
<u> </u>	survivorship action
<u> </u>	economic loss
<u> </u>	loss of services
<u> </u>	loss of consortium

15. Neither Plaintiff nor his physicians, through the exercise of reasonable diligence, could have detected the defective nature of the Zimmer NexGen® Knee device any earlier than the evidence of loosening and/or other indication for planned revision of the defective device (s), or as the facts dictate and produced in discovery.

16. As a result of the injuries Plaintiff sustained, he is entitled to recovery compensatory damages for pain and suffering and emotional distress and for economic loss as well as punitive damages.

17. Plaintiff's Zimmer NexGen® Flex Knee device bears catalog number for CR-FLEX Femoral component (5952-14-05), lot number (60406899); catalog number for Cruciate Retaining (CR) articular surface (90-5970-40-10), lot number (60716426) and catalog number for tibial component (5982-47-01), lot number (60584710).

ALLEGATIONS AS TO DEFENDANTS
SPECIFIC ALLEGATIONS AND THEORIES OF RECOVERY

17. The following claims and allegations are asserted by Plaintiff and are herein adopted by reference:

COUNT I – STRICT LIABILITY DESIGN DEFECT

- ☐ COUNT I (a) ZIMMER LPS-FLEX ;
- ☒ COUNT I (b) ZIMMER CR-FLEX
- ☐ COUNT I (c) ZIMMER GSF LPS-FLEX;
- ☐ COUNT I (d) ZIMMER GSF CR-FLEX;
- ☐ COUNT I (e) ZIMMER MIS TIBIAL COMPONENTS;

COUNT II – STRICT LIABILITY FAILURE TO WARN

- ☐ COUNT II (a) ZIMMER LPS-FLEX ;
- ☒ COUNT II (b) ZIMMER CR-FLEX
- ☐ COUNT II (c) ZIMMER GSF LPS-FLEX;
- ☐ COUNT II (d) ZIMMER GSF CR-FLEX;
- ☐ COUNT II (e) ZIMMER MIS TIBIAL COMPONENTS;

COUNT III – STRICT LIABILITY MANUFACTURING DEFECT

- _____ COUNT III (a) ZIMMER LPS-FLEX ;
- X COUNT III (b) ZIMMER CR-FLEX
- _____ COUNT III (c) ZIMMER GSF LPS-FLEX;
- _____ COUNT III (d) ZIMMER GSF CR-FLEX;
- _____ COUNT III (e) ZIMMER MIS TIBIAL COMPONENTS;

COUNT IV – NEGLIGENCE

- _____ COUNT IV (a) ZIMMER LPS-FLEX ;
- X COUNT IV (b) ZIMMER CR-FLEX
- _____ COUNT IV (c) ZIMMER GSF LPS-FLEX;
- _____ COUNT IV (d) ZIMMER GSF CR-FLEX;
- _____ COUNT IV (e) ZIMMER MIS TIBIAL COMPONENTS;

COUNT V – NEGLIGENT MISREPRESENTATION

- _____ COUNT V (a) ZIMMER LPS-FLEX ;
- X COUNT V (b) ZIMMER CR-FLEX
- _____ COUNT V (c) ZIMMER GSF LPS-FLEX;
- _____ COUNT V (d) ZIMMER GSF CR-FLEX;
- _____ COUNT V (e) ZIMMER MIS TIBIAL COMPONENTS;

COUNT VI – EXPRESS WARRANTY

- _____ COUNT VI (a) ZIMMER LPS-FLEX ;
- X COUNT VI (b) ZIMMER CR-FLEX
- _____ COUNT VI (c) ZIMMER GSF LPS-FLEX;
- _____ COUNT VI (d) ZIMMER GSF CR-FLEX;
- _____ COUNT VI (e) ZIMMER MIS TIBIAL COMPONENTS;

COUNT VII – BREACH OF EXPRESS WARRANTY

- _____ COUNT VII (a) ZIMMER LPS-FLEX ;
- X COUNT VII (b) ZIMMER CR-FLEX
- _____ COUNT VII (c) ZIMMER GSF LPS-FLEX;
- _____ COUNT VII (d) ZIMMER GSF CR-FLEX;
- _____ COUNT VII (e) ZIMMER MIS TIBIAL COMPONENTS;

COUNT VIII – BREACH OF IMPLIED WARRANTY

- _____ COUNT VIII (a) ZIMMER LPS-FLEX ;
- X COUNT VIII (b) ZIMMER CR-FLEX
- _____ COUNT VIII (c) ZIMMER GSF LPS-FLEX;
- _____ COUNT VIII (d) ZIMMER GSF CR-FLEX;
- _____ COUNT VIII (e) ZIMMER MIS TIBIAL COMPONENTS;

COUNT IX – REDHIBITION

_____ COUNT IX (a) ZIMMER LPS-FLEX ;
 X COUNT IX (b) ZIMMER CR-FLEX
_____ COUNT IX (c) ZIMMER GSF LPS-FLEX;
_____ COUNT IX (d) ZIMMER GSF CR-FLEX;
_____ COUNT IX (e) ZIMMER MIS TIBIAL COMPONENTS;

COUNT X – LOSS OF CONSORTIUM

_____ COUNT X LOSS OF CONSORTIUM

COUNT XI – WRONGFUL DEATH

_____ COUNT XI WRONGFUL DEATH

COUNT XII – SURVIVAL ACTION

_____ COUNT XII SURVIVAL ACTION

COUNT XIII – VIOLATION OF CONSUMER PROTECTION STATUTES:

_____ COUNT XIII VIOLATION OF CONSUMER PROTECTION
STATUTES

(State) _____ And applicable statute: _____

COUNT XIV – UNJUST ENRICHMENT

 X COUNT XIV UNJUST ENRICHMENT

COUNT XV – PUNITIVE DAMAGES

 X COUNT XV PUNITIVE DAMAGES

PLAINTIFF(S) ASSERTS THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL CAUSES OF
ACTION [ATTACH ADDITIONAL PAGES AS NECESSARY]:_____

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment against Defendants as follows:

1. For compensatory damages requested and according to proof;
2. For punitive or exemplary damages against Defendants;
3. For all applicable statutory damages of the state whose laws will govern this action;
4. For an award of attorney's fees and costs;
5. For prejudgment interest and the costs of suit; and
6. For such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper;

JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury as to all claims in this action.

Dated: April 4, 2012

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on April 4, 2012, a copy of the foregoing *Plaintiff's Short Form Complaint for Zimmer Nexgen Knee Implant Products Liability Litigation* was filed electronically by using the CM/ECF system and was served, pursuant to waiver of service of summons process, F.R.C.P.4(d) upon:

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